

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

His disciples recalled
the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will
consume me. - Jn 2:17

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November
Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

*O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine
Do keep us near to Thee
And make our love so like to Thine
That we may holy be*

[REFRAIN]

*Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine*



*O Temple pure, O House of gold
Our Heaven here below
What sweet delights, what wealth untold
From Thee do ever flow [REF]*

*Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts
The hearts of men have been
To wound Thy side with cruel darts
Which they have made by sin [REF]*

THE SACRED HEART'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:

In the example, imitation & guidance- of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - our Divine Patron, we will strive to fulfill the Catholic Church's mission, that is, to evangelize; which means to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, ultimately seeking to lead everyone to a deeper relationship with God . In this mission, we will embody Christ's love through service, teaching the Catholic faith, and foster the salvation and sanctification of our brothers & sisters, which we will devotedly & zealously manifest in the ongoing efforts to serve the poor, the marginalized, and all those in need in our community.

THE ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:

In the example & intercession of our Patron Saint: St. Cecilia - a Virgin & a Martyr- we will strive to fulfill the Catholic Church's mission, that is, to evangelize; which means to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, ultimately seeking to lead everyone to a deeper relationship with God . In this mission, we will embody Christ's love through service, teaching the Catholic faith, and foster the salvation and sanctification of our brothers & sisters, which we will devotedly & zealously manifest in the ongoing efforts to serve the poor, the marginalized, and all those in need in our community.

† Wine & hosts for the altar at **Saint Cecilia** for the month of **November** have been graciously sponsored in loving memory of Sal Furnare, by his wife Michelle & family.

† Wine & hosts for the altar at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **November** have been graciously sponsored by **Wendy & Bill Hall**.

AMASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov 8, 4:00 pm (SH)- Birthday blessings for Evelyn Titus, requested by the Healy family.

Sun. Nov 9, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) †50th anniversary remembrance for Sal Furnare, requested by his wife, Michele & family.

2.) † In loving memory of Alphonso Mancini on the 1st year of his passing,

Sun. Nov 9, 5:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tues. Nov 11 thru Sun. Nov 16, 2025

Tue. Nov 11, 8:00 am (SH) - In honor of all veterans, forever grateful for your sacrifice and service.

Wed. Nov 12, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Harry Minney, requested by Pat & George Galeazza..

Thurs. Nov 13, 8:00 am (SH) - † In loving memory of Alice Wright, requested by her children.

Fri. Nov 14, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. Nov 15, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In loving memory of Ambrose & Eugenia Karp, requested by the Healy family.

Sun. Nov 16, 9:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters..

Sun. Nov 16, 5:00 pm (SC) - † In memory of Maria Flood, requested by Joyce Mancini.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - NOVEMBER 1/2

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1075.00	1002.00
ALL SAINTS	96.00	N/A
PARISH TOTAL	1271.00	1002.00

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest. You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask you to inspire young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your will. Send laborers into Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments. We ask through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations, Intercede for us.

ALL: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Nov 9, 2025 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - John 2: 13-22

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

-Father John Muir

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Second collections

Nov 8/9 Fuel/Heat/Utilities

Nov 15/16 Campaign for Human Development

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 8 (SH)	Cathy Parry Volunteer	Nov 15 (SH)	Volunteer Katherine Downing
Nov 9 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Dave Marcais	Nov 16 (SC)	Ann Mahon Dianne Kierpiec

Counters Schedule

Nov 10 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall	Nov 17 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
Nov 10 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	Nov 17 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry



Nov 26 (SC)	Andrea Moran Margaret Smith Michele Furnare
Dec 3 (SH)	Wendy Hall Barb Bilins



Food Pantry Donations: With the holiday season upon us, the need for food is even greater. There are baskets in the vestibule of each parish, placed there for food donations for the pantry.

Sacred Heart Pie Raffle: Our weekly pie raffle has returned, just in time for the holidays. Purchase your tickets in the vestibule before Saturday's Vigil Mass

Sunday Raffle at St. Cecilia: We will gladly accept donations as we continue our Sunday raffle. Suggestions include a gift card for a local establishment, or baked goods. As always, we appreciate your support.

Holiday Wreaths!
Fundraiser to benefit St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Faith Formation Classes
Hosted by Family Traditions Tree Farm

1 \$34 Balsam Only, Red Bow
2 \$34 Balsam Only, Buffalo Plaid Bow
3 \$41 Mixed Greens, Holiday Plaid, Cones
4 \$45 Mixed Greens, Buffalo Plaid, Cones, Berries
5 \$43 Mixed Greens Cross, Silver Bow
6 \$42 Advent, Candles, Cones, Berries

Orders and payment are due by
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH ONLY

Pick up your order at St. Cecilia's Hall after Mass on
SUNDAY, December 7th

All wreaths are fresh & locally made at Family Traditions Tree Farm
Visit our website: familytraditionstreefarm.com
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Show your support for our Faith Formation program. Order sheets are available in the parish vestibule.

Foundations for a Flourishing Future Part 3/6

Calling all musicians for our upcoming St. Cecilia's Feast on Sunday Nov. 23 @ 2:00pm.

We are looking for instrumentalists & singers to be a part of our concert. Please contact Alison Wallace at 518-853-6354

*150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners
~ Nov 9th thru Nov 15th ~*

Baptisms

November 9, 1969 Colleen Miriam Chambers
November 15, 1970 Mark Joseph Scott
November 14, 1971 Jeffrey Allen Dahring
November 12, 1972 Amy Lynn Streuy
November 11, 1973 Jason Adam Ludwin
November 9, 1980 Erin Nichol Garti
November 14, 1981 Daniel Todd Stuart Richard
November 15, 1981 Daniel Joseph Cotoia
November 11, 1984 Nicole Marie LaSota
November 12, 1989 Adrienne Jade Whelley
November 9, 2008 Ryan James Melo
November 9, 2008 Kylie-Rose Isabella Frascatore

Marriages

November 15, 1987 Louis F. Hildebrandt & Jennifer Downing

Deaths-Funerals

November 9, 1996 Anthony J. DaBiere
November 11, 2014 Mary Scotarczak
November 11, 2023 John L. Baggie
November 13, 1975 Michael Gersitz
November 14, 2007 William A. Nowak, Jr.

Listening to the community: Becoming a parish for others

To be a true beacon of hope, the Church must listen deeply to the people around it. Mission demands that we understand not only those in the pews, but also the searching, the struggling and the forgotten in our neighborhoods. A parish that listens becomes a parish that loves.

We must be honest: too often we assume we know what people need. In reality, many in our communities feel distant from the Church, even as they hunger for meaning, belonging and hope. If we remain closed in on ourselves, our plans risk being out of touch and our mission ineffective. Listening requires humility — to learn from civic leaders, schools, nonprofits and especially from the poor and marginalized.

Hope takes root when listening leads to encounter. Community partnerships, presence at local events and intentional outreach allow the Church to meet people where they are. When a parish hears the cries of the poor, supports families and accompanies the lonely, it proclaims Christ as surely as in word or sacrament.

Such engagement does not dilute the mission; it deepens it. By seeing Christ in every person, the parish becomes a living sign of God's love in the world. When we listen well, we are transformed alongside the communities we serve, becoming a Church that people recognize as a source of hope, mercy and renewal.

Proposing a path forward: Faithful stewardship and renewal

The work of renewal must lead somewhere. After prayer, assessment and listening, parishes are called to propose concrete steps forward — plans that are both honest and hopeful. These proposals are not business reports but expressions of faith: they show how we will use God's gifts to advance the Gospel and build up the Body of Christ.

An honest proposal acknowledges strengths and challenges alike. It highlights the gifts of the community — committed parishioners, vibrant ministries, strong traditions — while naming the obstacles: finances, facilities or declining numbers. Transparency builds trust and invites everyone to share responsibility for the future.

A hopeful proposal casts vision. It shows how restructured ministries, shared leadership, or new outreach can create parishes that are more vibrant, sustainable and mission-driven. It addresses risks realistically, yet presents them with courage, reminding us that the Spirit leads the Church through every trial.

Above all, these proposals are acts of stewardship. They offer our plans back to God through the Bishop's discernment and blessing, trusting that the Spirit will confirm and guide the path forward. In this way, the process itself becomes a witness: a community of faith, prayerfully united, stepping into the future with hope and confidence in Christ.

~ Father Brian Kelly—Vicar for the Promotion of Integral Parish Development

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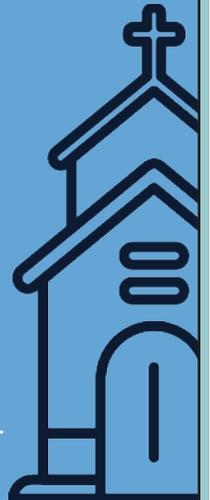
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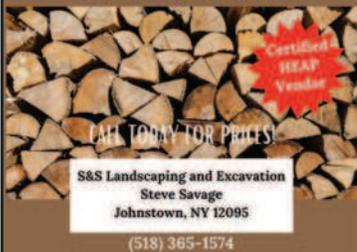
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